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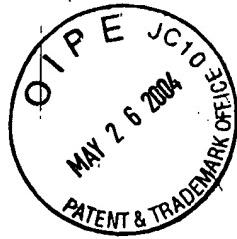
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2. I was responsible for the decision to file European Patent Application No. 02100748.9. The subject matter of this European Patent Application covers the same material as the presently filed U.S. application.
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